

Linda M. (Sullivan) Gray



Linda M. (Sullivan) Gray, a longtime resident of Duxbury, passed suddenly on April 5, 2017 after a long illness. Linda was the beloved wife of Michael J. Gray and the mother of Jenifer 'Jeni' Gray of Duxbury and Rebecca 'Becca' Gray and her husband Matthew Phippard of Pembroke. She was the grandmother of Grayce, Miles, Ella and Avery Tate and Noah Gray-Phippard. Linda was predeceased by her parents, Robert and Rita (Loughman) Sullivan, her brother, Robert Sullivan and her sister, Nancy Jackman.

Linda was born in Boston and grew up in Jamaica Plain. She became the reservations manager at the Copley Plaza in Boston in 1964 and worked there for eight years. She was often mentioned in the Boston Globe and Boston Herald as the "go to gal" for reservations in Boston. Linda was the main photographer as well, photographing the many celebrities who passed through the hotel. She was also the runner up in the "Miss Massachusetts" photographer's contest. Linda's artistic talents were all over the spectrum. From painting and photography to sewing, reupholstering, writing and decorating, her unique touch on anything was a statement and was everlasting.

Linda married Michael Gray in 1967. That same year, they built their first house in Duxbury. In 1973, Linda lovingly retired from her career, when she became a mother who was "over the moon" when her first baby girl, Jenifer, was born and again in 1977 when Becca was born. Linda was the most loving mother and loved her girls with all her heart. In 2000, Linda became a grandmother and was proud of her five grandchildren.

In 1993, Linda was very involved with the Helen Bumpus gallery in Duxbury, serving on the board of directors and president, while also handling all the art work and write-ups for the Duxbury Clipper, too. When Linda turned 50, she had her second career as an actress and model. She was in many TV commercials and did print work for magazines.

Linda loved gardening, decorating and traveling. She and Mike traveled to Paris, Hawaii, Bermuda, England, France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, China, Africa and around the USA.

Linda will always be remembered as a wonderful, loving, giving and caring person, who always put others before herself. Saying she was one of a kind and a remarkable human being is an understatement. Linda will be missed immensely.

Visiting hours were held on Monday, April 10 at the MacDonald Funeral Home, 1755 Ocean St. Marshfield. A funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday, April 11 at the Holy Family Church, 601 Tremont St. Burial was in Mayflower Cemetery, Duxbury.

Donations in Linda's memory can be made to the Lunder Fund at the Cancer Care Unit, Massachusetts General Hospital, 55 Fruit St., Boston MA 02114.

For an online guestbook and directions, visit macdonaldfuneralhome.com.